(ग) इस योजना को शीघ्र कार्यान्वित करने के लिए क्या कदम उठाये जा रहे हैं?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री मल्लिकार्जुन):

(क) जी नहीं।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

(ग) कार्यान्वयन योजना के अनुसार निर्माण कार्य शीघ्र पूरा किया जा रहा है। 1992-93 में 1200 कि०मी० को यातायात के लिए खोलने का लक्ष्य है।

Privatisation of the railway manufacturing units

378. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal from the World Bank to privatise the five Railway manufacturing units linking availability of a loan of $ 300 million to the Indian Railway;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what is the reaction of the Finance Ministry and the Railways thereto;

(d) what is the status of the proposal and performance of Five PSU in question in terms of broad economic indicators by each undertaking;

(e) whether these undertakings are starved of orders and financial support and hence their capacity remains under-utilised; and

(f) if so, the details of measures taken to revitalise, restructure and modernise them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (f) Do not arise.

Hike in rail fare and freight

379. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether government propose to raise Rail fare and freight in the wake of steep hike in the prices of petrol and petroleum products;

(b) if so, the justification therefor; and

(c) what has been the effect of recent hike in prices of petrol and petroleum products on railways?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Railway's fuel bill is estimated to go up by about Rs. 100 crores from 16.9.92, the date of hike of prices, to 31.3.93.

New railway lines in the area of northern railways region

380. SHRI RAMJI LAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey has been conducted to lay new railway lines in the Northern Railway region during the last one year;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether a preliminary engineering-cum-traffic survey between Rohtak-Hissar and Fatehabad has also been conducted;

(d) if not, whether Government propose to link the cotton city and the biggest foodgrain market of Haryana-Fatehabad with any railway line during the year 1992-93 or during the Eighth Five Year Plan; and

(e) if so, the details thereof along-with the estimated cost of the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Following surveys for construction